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THE TRUE SITUATION.

National Honor Should Not Be Compromised.

No True American Wants Hawaii Or Any Territory Gained By Dishonorable Methods.

The following is a portion of Cleveland's Hawaiian message:

As I apprehend the situation, we are brought face to face with the following conditions: The lawful government of Hawaii was overthrown without drawing a sword or the firing of a shot; by a process, every step of which it may be safely asserted is directly traceable to and dependent for its success upon the agency of the United States government through its diplomatic and naval representatives. But for the notorious predilection of the United States minister for annexation, the committee of safety, which should be called a committee of annexation, would never have existed. But for the landing of United States forces upon false pretenses respecting danger to life and property, the committee would never have exposed themselves to the pains and penalties of treason by undertaking the subversion of the queen's government. But for the presence of United States forces in the immediate vicinity and in a position to afford all needed protection and support, the committee would not have proclaimed the provisional government from the steps of the government building. And finally, but for the lawless occupation of Honolulu under false pretenses by United States forces, and but for Minister Stevens' recognition of the provisional government

when the United States forces were its sole support and constituted its sole military strength, the queen and her government would never have yielded to the provisional government even for a time and for the sole purpose of submitting her case to the enlightened justice of the United States.

Believing, therefore, that the United States could not under the circumstances disclosed annex the islands without justly incurring the imputation of acquiring them by unjustifiable methods, I shall not again submit the treaty of annexation to the senate for its consideration, and in instructions to Minister Willis, a copy of which accompanies this message, I have directed him to so inform the provisional government.

But in the present instance our duty does not in my opinion end with refusing to consummate this questionable transaction. It has been the boast of our government that it seeks to do justice in all things without regard to the strength or weakness of those with whom it deals. I mistake the American people if they favor the odious doctrine that there is no such thing as international morality; that there is one law for the strong nation and another for the weak. By an act of war committed with the participation of the diplomatic representative of the United States, and without authority of congress the government of a feeble but friendly and confiding people has been overthrown. A substantial wrong has been done which due regard for our national character as well as the right of the injured people required that we should endeavor to repair.

The provisional government has not assumed a republican or other constitutional form, but has remained a mere executive council or oligarchy set up without the assent of the people. It has not seen fit to find a permanent basis of popular support and has given no evidence of an intention to do so. Indeed, representatives of that government assert that the people of Hawaii are unfit for popular government and frankly avow that they can be best ruled by arbitrary or despotic power.

The law of nations is founded upon reason and justice and the rules of conduct governing individual citizens or subjects of a civilized state are equally applicable as between enlightened nations. The consideration that international law is without a court for its enforcement and that obedience to its commands practically depends upon good faith instead of upon the mandate of a superior tribunal only gives additional sanction to the law itself, and brands any deliberate infraction of it not merely as wrong but a disgrace. A man of true honor protects the unwritten word which binds his conscience more scrupulously if possible than he does a bond, the breach of which subjects him to legal liabilities, and the United States in aiming to maintain itself as one of the most enlightened nations would do its citizens gross injustice if it applied to its international relations any other than a high standard of honor and morality. On that ground the United States can not properly be put in the position of countenancing a wrong after its commission any more than in that of consenting to it in advance. On that ground it can not allow itself to refuse redress for an injury inflicted through abuse of power by officers clothed with its authority and wearing its uniform and on the same ground. If a feeble but friendly state is in danger of being robbed of its independence and sovereignty by misuse of power by an act of representatives of the

United States, the United States can not fail to vindicate its honor and sense of justice by an earnest effort to make all possible reparation.

These principles apply to the present case with irresistible force when the special conditions of the queen's surrender of her sovereignty are recalled. She surrendered, not to the provisional government, but to the United States. She surrendered, not absolutely and permanently, but temporarily and conditionally until such time as the facts can be considered by the United States. Furthermore, the provisional government acquiesced in the surrender in that manner, and in those terms, not only by tacit consent, but through positive acts of some of the members of the provisional government who urged her peaceable submission, not merely to avoid bloodshed, but because she could place implicit reliance upon the justice of the United States, and that the whole subject would be finally considered at Washington.

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